

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2002*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on September 10, 2002 I was unable to vote on rollcall 378. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

## HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF BURKE CENTRE

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 12, 2002*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the 25th Anniversary of Burke Centre, Virginia.

Burke Centre is located in the core of the 11th congressional district of Virginia. This planned residential community began its development in 1976 and has grown into a thriving community with over 5,800 residences in its five neighborhoods: the Commons, the Landings, the Oaks, the Ponds, and the Woods. These neighborhoods are impressive examples of a successful organized community, with each of the five represented by one trustee, and featuring a pool and community center.

The gem of Burke Centre is the Conservancy, consisting of 1,700 acres, including 350 acres of pristine open space area ideal for a wide range of active and passive recreational activities. Ponds, tennis courts, playing fields, swimming pools, and other amenities are maintained for the enjoyment of residents.

This planned neighborhood took into consideration the community needs of its residents during its development. An efficient and effective committee system ensures residents' voices are still heard today. Burke Centre has established itself as a community committed to conservancy with its abundance of nature parks and outdoor activities. The Election Board is responsible for maintaining this mission and overseeing the annual Conservancy Board and Cluster Committee elections.

In commemoration of its 25th anniversary, Burke Centre's Fall Festival, planned and organized dually by volunteers and staff, will be the community's chance to celebrate this landmark anniversary. Antique vendors, entertainment, games and arts and crafts will pay tribute to Burke Centre's beginnings.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, with all that Burke Centre has created and offered its residents since its development 25 years ago, we have great reason to celebrate today. Accordingly, I extend my warmest congratulations to a community that has been dedicated to providing the best possible residential and community environment to its citizens.

## IN RECOGNITION OF EDITH LEDERBERG

**HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 12, 2002*

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend Edith Lederberg, a woman who has served with distinction at the Area Agency on Aging of Broward County for twenty-five years.

Born on October 26, 1929, Edith Lederberg is a native of Freeport, New York. There she attended Hofstra University and obtained a Baccalaureate degree in Spanish and a Master's degree in Education. While residing in New York, Ms. Lederberg held teaching positions in the Freeport and Linderhurst Public School Systems, and Wantagh Union Free School District. In 1975, she became a Public Relations Consultant for the Wantagh Union Free School District.

Moving to Broward County, Florida in 1977, Edith continued her public relations career when she became Director of Community Relations Advocacy as Community Coordinator for the Area Agency on Aging. In 1986, Ms. Lederberg was appointed Executive Director of the Area Agency on Aging of Broward County.

As Executive Director of the Area Agency of Broward County she performs as the Project Director under the guidance of the Area-wide Council on Aging; planning, coordinating, and directing the Area Agency on Aging Programs. She works with the State Department of Elder Affairs, as well as with public and private agencies at the local level. She sets policy for the Area Agencies administrative unit, advocates on behalf of senior concerns locally, statewide, and nationally, and raises financial resources to support programs for Older Americans residing in Broward County.

Throughout the years, Ms. Lederberg's remarkable service has been widely recognized. In 1995, Ms. Lederberg was appointed to serve as a Florida Delegate to the White House Conference on Aging. In 1996 and 1997, she served as President of the Florida Association of Area Agencies on Aging. Edith also is an active member of Broward's Coordinating Board for Transportation Disadvantaged and the Coordinating Council of Broward. Additionally she has been inducted into Broward Women's Hall of Fame and Broward Senior Hall of Fame. In 1999, she was selected as one of the Broward County Fair's First Ladies of Broward and was the designee for the Florida Department of Elder's Affairs' Incredible Partners Award. In 1997, she was appointed by Senator Bob Graham to serve on the Federal Judicial Nominating Commission, and I had the privilege of reappointing her in 2001.

For the past twenty-five years Edith has found her calling as an advocate for the elderly, not only in Broward County, but throughout the state and the country, and what an advocate she is. This 'Angel of the Aging', as she is often called, is knowledgeable, articulate, persuasive and stubborn when fighting for what she feels is right. Many in Florida have seen the poster of this petite woman sitting on a Harley with the caption: 'Fully Engaged in Positive Aging'. How appropriate, Edith Lederberg: mother, grandmother, poet, baker of cakes, and voice of the elderly.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Edith Lederberg today for all of her contributions, improving the quality of life for senior citizens of Broward County and for her 25 years of service to the Area Agency on Aging of Broward County.

## IN PRAISE OF THOMAS O'SULLIVAN, DR. FRED EPSTEIN, AND DR. GEORGE JALLO

**HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 12, 2002*

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I today offer my praise for the incredible strength, dedication and bravery of three individuals, Thomas O'Sullivan, Dr. Fred Epstein and Dr. George Jallo.

In the beginning of 1999, then five-year-old Thomas started to have difficulty walking and maintaining balance. His parents, Patrick and Andrienne O'Sullivan, obviously concerned, took Thomas to a doctor in Ireland. Thomas was diagnosed as having an inoperable brain tumor, and his parents immediately began searching for someone who could help him. They had heard of one Dr. Fred Epstein, who founded the Institute for Neurology and Neurosurgery at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City. Dr. Epstein's team received and reviewed Thomas' medical records.

Through this connection, a doctor trained by Dr. Epstein, Dr. George Jallo, agreed to perform surgery on Thomas without cost. In April of 2002, Dr. Jallo successfully removed 70% of the tumor plaguing Thomas' health. I cannot overstate how much we owe Dr. Epstein and Dr. Jallo for their work, because without this surgery, Thomas would have lost the ability to walk or swallow, his condition would have worsened, and he would most likely not have been able to live a normal life.

While Thomas still faces a difficult road to recovery, thanks to Dr. Epstein, Dr. Jallo and to Thomas' own inner-strength, it is by no means an impossible one. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the determination and commitment that they have all demonstrated. It is truly a testament to the richness of the human spirit. I also wish Thomas good health and long life, and encourage those who are still working on Thomas' behalf to see that he reaches that goal. Your actions have made us all proud and should serve as a reminder to the American people of the good that is in all of us. Thank you.

## TRIBUTE TO KANU-FM PUBLIC RADIO OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

**HON. DENNIS MOORE**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 12, 2002*

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important cultural organization that has played a vital role in my congressional district for the past 50 years.

Radio station KANU-FM began broadcasting on September 15, 1952, in Lawrence, Kansas, when Harry Truman was serving as